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Club eyes festival not Cup

BY DIANE GALE

STAFF WRITER

The Swedish soccer team is here to play in the World Cup, and the people at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills are planning big doings.

But, the local festivities had nothing to do with welcoming the soccer players.

"To be very frank I don't think there is (a lot of excitement) despite the fact that the Swedish team is coming," Harlan L. Hanson, club member, said last week. Meanwhile, club president Gustav Stadler planned to attend the soccer game between Sweden and Brazil at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"My boss is from Sweden and he's coming over. I'm seeing it with him," said Stadler, president of UVA Machine Company, a Plymouth, a subsidiary of UVA International AB in Sweden.

Some of the club members, which includes about 265 families, talked about the games and where tickets would be sold. Stadler said, but most of the enthusiasm about the game ended there. The average club member is 60 years of age.

The Swedish Club is, however, planning a big celebration — the Mid Summer Festival, on the club grounds, 4.5 acres on Freedom Road at Orchard Lake Road, Sunday, June 26.

The annual event, open to the public, will feature a traditional Swedish breakfast, with thin pancakes and sausage from 10 a.m. to noon.

A traditional Swedish ceremony that involves decorating a maple tree, raising it and dancing around it will follow. Performances will be by the club's choruses, Scandia, the ladies group and Arpi, the men's group, who will



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Making music: Swedish Club members (from left) Maj Benson, her husband Harold and Margaret Retting put on a show at club headquarters in Farmington Hills.

perform separately and then together from noon to 2 p.m.

Games like volleyball and horseshoes will be played, and dinner will be served about 2 p.m. There will be fees for the meals. Crafts, a deli featuring Swedish foods and baked goods also will be available.

Shoppers also will have a chance to browse in the import gift shop, which features items from Sweden and is open all year long at the club.

After the festival, club members will be looking forward to the Central Division of the American Union of Swedish Singers Convention July 5-9 at the Novi Hilton. More than 200 singers will be involved and many Swedish Club members will take part. The event culminates during a grand concert at 8 p.m., Friday, July 8, at Novi High School.

"The club is not really sports minded, but members are interested in singing," said Hanson, convention publicity chairperson.

Hills OKs a slight tax hike

BY BILL COUTANT

STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Hills City Council approved a slight tax increase for the 1994-95 budget year, but it was enough to raise the eyebrows — and voices — of a few residents.

The council approved the new tax rate of 9.1409 mills that would mean about a \$33 tax hike on a house with a state equalized valuation of \$100,000 and a market value of \$200,000.

The increase was kept from being higher by using the city's general fund balance.

"This is the second year that we've used money from the general fund to help balance the budget," said city manager Bill Costick, who added that it was a practice the city could not afford in the future.

City planning commissioner Paul Hillman echoed the thought and asked if the use of general fund money to balance the budget would lower the city's bond rating.

Costick assured him that the general fund balance was still a healthy 10 percent.

Longtime resident Al Rosen had other concerns. Calling the budget "evil and blasphemous," Rosen said it did not reflect economic reality.

"The attitude seems to be easy come, easy go," he said.

Despite increased costs, the operating budget was actually less than last year's by 7 percent, Costick said.

The budget's increase reflected areas where the city "had no control," said Councilman Aldo Vagnoli. Because people are living longer, the city has had to increase its contribution to pension funds. Health costs have increased along with workers compensation premiums, he said.

The city's general fund budget will be \$30,339,445 with 43 percent going toward public safety (fire and police protection). The total city budget is \$53,583,308.

The tax increase is 3.8 percent from last year.

Hills site of seniors tennis tournament

The Detroit Tennis & Squash Club on Drake Road in Farmington Hills will be the site of the inaugural Silver's Super Seniors

Tennis Tournament June 23-26. Men and women 55 years of age and older are eligible. Entry fee is \$50 for singles and doubles. For

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